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SUBJ: KOREAN PRESS ON PAK PO-HUI, UNIFICATION CHURCH

1. UNIFICATION CHURCH, WHICH CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE AND LIMITED APPEAL IN ROK, RECEIVED SOME PRESS ATTENTION WHEN PAPERS CARRIED WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF PAK PO-HUI'S SPRING 1978 HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE TESTIMONY. PAK EVIDENTLY WAS IN KOREA DURING JULY, AND HIS VISIT SPARKED ONE INTERVIEW/ FEATURE COLUMN IN JULY 29 KYONGHYANG SINMUN. ARTICLE, CONTRIBUTED BY NOVELIST KIM PYONG-CH'ONG, SPOKE FAVORABLY OF PAK, LABELLING HIM A "COURAGEOUS AND BRAVE KOREAN", WHO HAD "RISKED HIS LIVE TO SPEAK THE TRUTH." (THIS WAS ONLY CASE OF COMMENTARY OCCASIONED BY PAK'S VISIT TO KOREA OR HIS HOUSE TESTIMONY.)

2. PRESS ALSO RAN SMALL ARTICLES REPORTING PAK'S ASSERTION ON AUGUST 5 IN TOKYO (EVIDENTLY AFTER LEAVING ROC) TO EFFECT THAT HE HAD "DEFEATED" REP FRASER BY HIS TESTIMONY.

3. EMBASSY FEELS THESE ARTICLES DO NOT REFLECT ANY NEW SUPPORT OR CONSTITUENCY IN KOREA FOR UNIFICATION CHURCH IN GENERAL OR PAK IN PARTICULAR. RATHER, THEY SHOULD BE VIEWED AS PRIMARILY ANTI-FRASER IN CONTENT. KOREANS HAVE REGARDED REP FRASER AS KOREA'S NEMESIS ("A REAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KOREA KILLER" -- KIM'S COLUMN) AND ACCORDINGLY, ANYONE WHO TAKES ON REP FRASER CAN BE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM MOST KOREANS.
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